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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: FREDERICK ELECTRONICS VISIT TO
--- SYDNEY WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9 - RE O.T.C. TENDER 1201

1. FREDERICK ELECTRONIC'S P.O. BOX 502, FREDERICK,
MARYLAND, 21701 ADVIS:D MEPD THAT MR. LUKE WARD, ASST. TO
PRESIDENT, WILL BE CONTACTING EMBASSY SYDNEY FEBRUARY 9 OR
10 TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONTRACT
FOR OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (OTC) TENDER
NUM0ER 1201 COVERING "AUTOMATIC INTERCONTINENTAL TRANSIT
TELEX AND DATA EXCHANGE", ISSUE ONE OF MAY 1975. PROJECT
WAS BID IN OCTOBER AND BIDS ARE BEING REVIEWED CURRENTLY
WITH 11 BIDDERS, 5 JAPANESE, CANADIAN MARCONI, ERICKSEN OF
SWEDEN, HASLER OF SWITZERLAND, SIEMENS OF GERMANY,
FREDERICK ELECTRONICS (SUBSIDIARY OF PLANTRONICS OF SANTA
CLARA, CALIFORNIA) AND ASTRO DATA (A SUBSIDIARY OF PLESSEY
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OF ENGLAND) OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA. FREDERICK HAS ASKED
FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF U. S. FIRMS SEEKING PROJECT.

ACCORDING TO FREDERICK 30 PERCENT OF 5-6 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT WILL BE AUSTRALIAN CONTENT FOR THEIR BID. THEY HAVE SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING CANADA, VENEUELA, PHILIPPINES, SWITZERLAND, PORTUGAL, IRAQ, IRELAND, IVORY COAST, SAUDI ARABIA, BRAZIL, AUSTRIA AND ITALY. MR. WARD WILL REVIEW WITH EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL THE BACKGROUND OF PROJECT FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW. HE WILL BE STAYING AT SEBEL TOWNHOUSE IN SYDNEY. WARD FEELS THAT LEADING CONTENDERS WILL BE CANADIAN MARCONI, ASTRO DATA AND HASLER. HE WILL APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY ABLE TO PROVIDE IN SUPPORT OF U.S. FIRMS ON THIS PROJECT. SISCO

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